The State of Kerala has been allocated an amount of Rs. 94.26 crore in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2007-08 consisting of Rs. 70.70 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 23.56 crore as State Contribution. The 1st instalment of Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 35.35 crore has been released to the State Government on 26th June, 2007. Keeping in view the severity of the situation, the Government of India has released the 2nd instalment of Central share of CRF amounting to Rs. 35.35 crore, in advance, on 18th July, 2007. In addition, Rs. 50.00 crore has also been released by the Government of India to the State Government on 7th August, 2007 on an 'on account' basis from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for carrying out relief operations in the areas affected by heavy rains/ floods during 2007.

Delay in approval for Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003

1120. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003 is still awaiting the approval of Government; and

(b) if so, the hurdlles coming in the way for approval of this Bill, whereas the similar Bills of other States have already been approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Legislations reserved for the consideration of the President are examined by the Government of India from three angles *viz.*, (a) conflict to any Central law, (b) deviation from National or Central Policy, and (c) legal and Constitutional validity. In the case of Gujarat Control of Organised Crime Bill, 2003 there are policy and legal issues which need to be sorted out and no time-frame can be fixed for achieving the same.

Requested by Orissa Government for waiving off 90 crores

1121. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cash-strapped Orissa Government has requested the Centre for waiving Rs. 90 crores it owes to them for engaging Central paramilitary forces to fight Maoists, because of its poor financial health;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the case; and

(c) what is the time-frame by which the approval of the Centre would be conveyed to the State in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Government of India has exempted the cost of deployment of specified battalions of Central Para Military Forces, deployed